



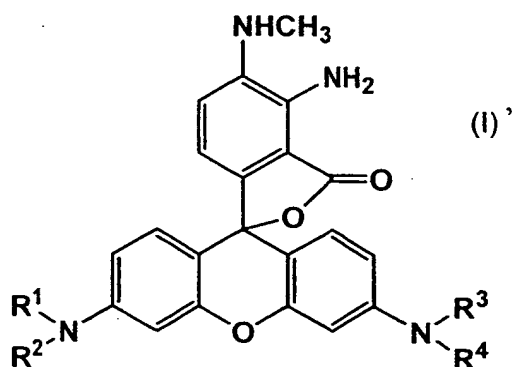
AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The claims in this listing will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1-8. (Canceled)

9. (Previously Presented) A compound represented by the following formula (I)':

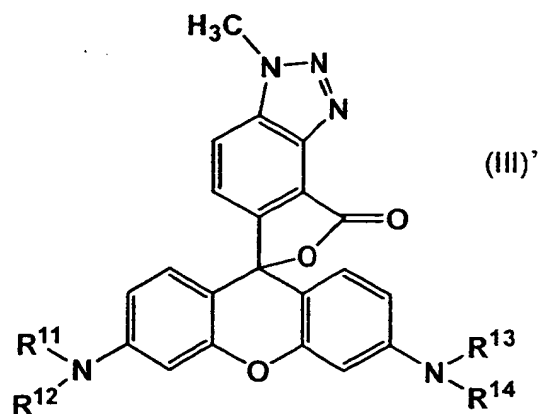


wherein R^1 , R^2 , R^3 , and R^4 independently represent methyl group or ethyl group.

10. (Previously Presented) The compound of the formula (I)' according to Claim 9 wherein R^1 , R^2 , R^3 , and R^4 are methyl groups.

11. (Currently Amended) A reagent ~~computer~~ composition for measurement of nitric oxide which comprises a compound represented by the formula (I)' according to Claim 9.

12. (Previously Presented) A compound represented by the following formula (III)':



wherein R^{11} , R^{12} , R^{13} , and R^{14} independently represent methyl group or ethyl group.

13. (Previously Presented) The compound of the formula (III)' according to Claim 12, wherein R^{11} , R^{12} , R^{13} , and R^{14} are methyl groups.

14. (Previously Presented) A method for measurement of nitric oxide, which comprises:

(1) a step of reacting a compound represented by the formula (I)' according to Claim 9 with nitric oxide, and

(2) a step of detecting a compound represented by the formula (III)' having the following formula produced in (1).

